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# Park Authority Board Selects 2008 Leadership Team

Incumbent Park Authority Board Chairman Harold Strickland was unanimously elected to return to that post once again as the Park Authority Board elected officers for the coming year at its meeting on Wednesday. Strickland, an 18-year veteran of the Park Authority Board, will be joined by Vice Chairman William Bouie, Secretary Harry Glasgow and Treasurer Frank Vajda.

"I am very pleased that my colleagues have confidence in my leadership, said Chairman Strickland, assuming this role for the fourth time. " It appears that 2008 will be a challenging year for parks but I remain confident that our Board members and staff are up to the task. We need to continue to work closely with the Board of Supervisors and our elected officials at all levels. We need to forge strong alliances with the schools, and we need to reach out to park user groups in order to find innovative approaches to getting things done and to plan for the future."

A longtime board member and Sully District representative, Chairman Strickland served in this position previously in 1994 and 1995 and has been a member of the Park Authority since 1992. He brings substantial community experience, including 14 years of service as the representative to the Fairfax County Athletic Council. Strickland was the founding father of the sports-related Chantilly Youth Association, serving as president for 25 years.

William G. Bouie, an active volunteer in the community, as well as a telecommunications network manager, was named to serve on the Park Authority Board in Hunter Mill District in 2005. Bouie served as secretary-treasurer of the Park Authority Board in 2007.

Since his appointment to the Park Authority Board in December 2004, Harrison A. Glasgow has served as an at-large member. Glasgow serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Huntley Meadows, Friends of Meadowood and Friends of Historic Huntley, as well as founder and chairman of the Federation of Friends Groups.

Appointed in May 2001 as the Mason District representative, Treasurer Vajda has been active in community activities since his retirement from the Air Force. Vajda served as vice-chairman of the Park Authority Board in 2007.

The Board of Supervisors also recently reappointed Georgette Kohler, an at-large member who has served on the Park Authority Board since 2004. Kohler will serve until December 11, 2011.

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board is appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. These 12 appointees are comprised of one representative from each of the nine magisterial districts, plus three at-large members. The board sets policy and establishes priorities for the park agency.

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